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H.R. No. 2576

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of U.S. Army Specialist Alex  
2 Daniel Gonzalez of Mission suffered a grievous loss with his death  
3 in Iraq on May 6, 2008, at the age of 21; and

4           WHEREAS, Specialist Gonzalez was assigned to the 43rd Combat  
5 Engineer Company, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, and based at Fort  
6 Hood; he was mortally wounded when his vehicle came under attack in  
7 Mosul; and

8           WHEREAS, Part of a large, close-knit family, Alex Gonzalez  
9 was born on January 27, 1987, in McAllen and lived most of his life  
10 in Mission; he graduated in 2005 from Mission High School, where he  
11 played football and baseball; and

12           WHEREAS, From the time he was a small child, Specialist  
13 Gonzalez longed to follow in the footsteps of his father, a former  
14 paratrooper; after enlisting in the army, he became an explosives  
15 engineer, and while in Iraq he routinely volunteered for dangerous  
16 missions; he found great satisfaction in military service and was  
17 planning to reenlist; and

18           WHEREAS, This esteemed young man delighted in joking and  
19 telling stories; the only son among six children, he was protective  
20 of his younger sisters, his cousins, and his friends, and always  
21 quick to lend a helping hand to anyone in need; and

22           WHEREAS, Among the military medals conferred on Specialist  
23 Gonzalez were the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; in addition, the  
24 127th graduating class of the Mission Police Academy presented an

1 award to his parents in recognition of his heroic service; and

2 WHEREAS, Specialist Gonzalez performed his difficult mission  
3 in Iraq with exemplary dedication and professionalism; his  
4 unfaltering devotion to duty, his fellow soldiers, and this country  
5 reflected the highest ideals of the United States Army, and those  
6 who were fortunate enough to share in his love and affection will  
7 forever hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Specialist Alex  
10 Daniel Gonzalez and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
11 family: to his parents, Idalia and Alfredo Gonzalez; to his  
12 biological parents, Brenda Ojeda and Urbano Gonzalez, Jr.; to his  
13 sisters, Casey Mejia and Emily, Audrey, Arleen, and April Gonzalez;  
14 to his paternal grandparents, Urbano Gonzalez, Sr., and Emma Maria  
15 Santana; to his maternal grandparents, Antonio and Ramona  
16 Rodriguez; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alex  
21 Gonzalez.